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Here is a true and juſt account of a moſt

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Conſpired againſt his moſt Sacred

MAJESTY

and his Royal

HIGHNES

By the wicked coutrivances of Colonel *John Rumſey*, *Richard Nelthorp*, *Edward Wade*, *Richard Goodenough*, Captain *Walcot*, *William Thompſon*, *James Burton*, and *William Hone*.

Since which time there is an account that Colonel *John Rumſey* is taken, and hath been upon his Examination.

NOtwithſtanding the unparaleld clemency, of our moſt Gracious Sovereign, *Charles* the Second, by the Grace of God, King of *England*, *Scotland*, *France*, and *Ireland*, Defender of the Faith. Such is the inſatiate deſire of never ſatisfied malignant Spirits, that they cannot be contented to live peaceably under the Government of a renowned Prince, the very pattern of pity, and mercy, but moſt wickedly, and maliciouſly conſpire, and contrive, the death of their Prince the ruin of the Nation, and the loſs of their own Souls, as may appear by the following lines, which give perfect teſtimony of the horrid deſign and bloody Plot, deſigned to be carried on by the wicked contrivance of theſe Barbarous and Inhumane Wretches,

Wretches. Namely, *John Rumsey* Colonel, *Richard Rumbold* Maltster, *Richard Nelthorp* Esquire, *Edward Wade* Gentleman, *Richard Goodenough* Gentleman, Captain *Walcot*, *William Thompson*, *James Burton* and *William Hone* Joyner, who as it is testified upon Oath, did most Traiterously, and Villanously designe the death of his most Sacred Majesty, and not contented with the blood-sucking of a Monarch, so matchlesly mercyful, did also contrive the murther & destruction of his Royal Highness *James*, Duke of *York*. But being by Divine Providence, interposed in their wicked design, and prevented of the evil hatch'd in the infernal lake, by a happy and timely discovery of their dreadful enterprize, they fearing that Justice, the continual pursuivant of such inhumane Conspirators, should overtake, and lay hold of their Rebellious contrivances, have, for the prevention thereof, absented their habitations, and absconded themselves, which gives a clear and large Demonstration of their Guilt.

And it is very likely, his Majesty, will, by, and with, the advice of his most Honourable Privy Council, issue forth a *Proclamation* for the apprehending of the Malefactors above named, that they may be brought to the Bar of Justice to receive the reward due to their Conspiracies.

And these persons so discovered, and brought to condign punishment, I hope may be an Example to all others for the future, to forbear and abhor such bloody Contrivances, and inhumane barbarity, as to Conspire the death of a Prince, most Merciful, Gracious, and Pitiful: but the Malignancy of these, and such like Regicides, cannot nor will not be forgotten, by any Loyal Subject, though they may be punished according to the heinousnes of the Crime: I wish with all my heart it may be the last Plot that may ever be conspired against our Soveraign, whose mercies are daily manifested to many offenders, and whose virtues are so much admired as their impudence wondred at, who do or shall ever attempt such enormities, against the patterns of Princely Monarchs.

It is much to be minded & observed, how graciously God hath been pleased to protect and preserve our Soveraign King from the bold and desperate attempts of his Conspireing Enemies, who, wanting Grace and the Fear of God, would audaciously presume, and venture on the most execrable murther of the most merciful Prince the World could ever boast of. But

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we look back upon the Eye of Providence, we cannot but see the great, and particular kindness, our most blessed Creator hath for our most Gracious King: what a miraculous preservation was that at *Worcester*, when a Prince of the greatest Splendour in *Europe* was forced by the rebellious (though then prevailing party) to take up his lodging in an *Oaken Tree*, only accompanied sometimes with a few Loyal Nobles, who like worthy Souls, were free to participate of the deplorable sorrows his Majesty then met with? What strange and wonderful designs have been since, several times contrived against him, whom the Heavens have preserved: but we may conclude with this Antient Proverb, *Si Deus pro nobis, quis contra nos?* and it is undoubtedly true, that he that sheweth mercy, shall also find mercy; it hath so happened to our Sovereign. And I hope the mercies of the most high will still continue to him, and be multiplied more, and more, that our poor Nation, too much divided by Faction, may be blessed by the long continuance of an unparraleld Monarch, whose clemency is to be admired, whose mercy is to be praised, and whose Enemies hope will be *defeated*. And those that shall either attempt or at least imagine the least harme, to his Princely person, may they be utterly *confounded* in their evil designs against him: that poor *England* may again Flourish as *before*, that hath lately been incumbred with prodigious Conspirators, hatching such wicked and hellish Contrivances, that 'tis a shame to all Loyal persons to reiterate, or rather to harbour in the secret Corners of their Loyal hearts.

And I think no reasonable person can reckon less than severe punishment to be the Portion allotted *for* them: and it is undoubtedly a duty incumbent upon all persons to endeavour *to* make a *discovery of* these *Malefactors*, which will be a peice *of* good Service to the Nation, & unquestionably be well rewarded by his Majesty, who was ever and will be still an encourager of well doers: and who can do more *for* a Prince, than to study how to *detect* the Villains that shall so impudently undertake a designe so monstrous, so inhumane, and so diabolical? But such is the unreasonableness and sordid disposition, of some ill qualified, and ill tempered persons, that whereas they should be won by the clemency & favourable kindness of an oblidging Prince, that they on the contrary are rather imboldned to presume to the greatest hight of impudence that can possibly

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be imagined, and inſtead of being won to a dutiful obedience, are more and more animated to all kind of miſchief, that the Devil, and an ill Conſcience, can find out, or invent: nor can the affability of an endearing *Monarch make any* impreſſion on dure *and* impenetrable hearts; but they ſtill perſiſt in their beaſtly and rude behaviours, till time and providence, bring them too late to repent, of their unjuſt, and wicked practices.

Here is alſo an undoubted aſſurance of the apprehending of Colonel *Iohn Rumſey* who was ſeized, and examined, of which Proceedings, we will give you a more perfect account by the next.

Windſor June the 21ſt. 1683. This day the Shreriffs, and Common Serjeant of *London*, by the expreſs Command, of the Lord Mayor, and the Court of Aldermen, in purſuance of an Order of Common-council waited on his moſt Gracious Majeſty, and with all Submiſſion, moſt humbly acquainted him, that the Common-Council, had agreed to acquieſce with the Regulations required by his Majeſty, and had deferred the Election of Sheriffs, and other Officers, which uſually were choſen on *Midſummer-day*, untill the 28th. of *July* next.

So I conclude, with my Prayers for the preſervation of his Majeſty, and his Royal Highneſs, that no Traitor may ever Aſſaſſinate, or ever have power to prejudice their Princely perſons, and ſo, leaving them to the Tuition of the *Omnipotent*, I conclude with a *Vive le Roy*, or long live the King.

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